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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application Number | 09/678,459 |
| | Filing Date | October 3, 2000 |
| | First Named Inventor | Masumitsu Ino |
| | Art Unit | 1725 |
| | Examiner Name | Geoffrey Evans |
| | Attorney Docket No. | 09792909-4645 |

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously mailed on _____, and telefaxed to the examiner on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any discrepancies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 12/10/2003 DTESSEM1 00000047 193140 09678459
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 20.00 DA 750.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee of \$750.00 to American Express credit card. Form 2038 is attached for that purpose.

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DATE FILED: October 3, 2000 EXAMINER: Geoffrey Evans
INVENTION: "LASER ANNEALING APPARATUS (As Amended)"

AMENDMENT "D" ACCOMPANYING RCE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (5) PRESENT EXTRA | (6) RATE | (7) ADL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | | MINUS | | -- | () X 9.00 () X 18.00 | 0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | | MINUS | | -- | () X 39.00 () X 80.00 | 0.00 |
| Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for. | | | | () YES (X) NO | () \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME | |
| | | | | TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | \$0.00 |

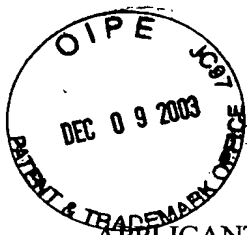
- Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated _____ for _____ month so that the period for response is extended to _____.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$_____ to Applicant Attorney's credit card number to cover the cost of the extension. Form 2038 is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$____ is attached to cover the additional claim fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-8000 - Ext. 2606.

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This Amendment "D" is filed in response to the Final Office Action of August 29, 2003 and accompanies and RCE. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.